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**BRUCE OPIE**  
COMMISSIONER

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**  
**Section 1511 Certification**

As Tennessee Department of Education's Commissioner, I hereby certify pursuant to Division A, Title XV, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Public Law 111-5, that the infrastructure investments listed below funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA, Division A, Title VIII, under the heading Department of Education, Special Education, have received the full review and vetting required by law. I accept responsibility that the infrastructure investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars.

Further, I certify that a description of the investments, the estimated total costs, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used are posted on the Tennessee Department of Education's website at <http://www.tennessee.gov/education/recovery.shtml> and the website is linked to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board website at <http://www.recovery.gov/>.

I understand a state or local agency may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bruce Opie", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Bruce Opie  
Commissioner of Education

**Tennessee Infrastructure Investment Projects Funded by  
ARRA under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**

**IDEA Recovery Flow-through (Sec. 611)**

<b>Local Education Agency</b>	<b>Description of Infrastructure</b>	<b>Estimated Cost of Infrastructure</b>	<b>Estimated ARRA Funds</b>
Alcoa City	Improve facilities at Alcoa City School's CDC Classroom	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Cumberland County	A transition lab setting through the conversion of a portable classroom	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Grainger County	To provide a concrete ramp at Washburn School to allow special education students access to the playground	\$ 18,650.00	\$ 18,650.00
Greene County	To install playground equipment for use by special education students	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
Greeneville City	To renovate space to provide educational services to elementary CDC students	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Hamblen County	Replace an existing wheelchair inclined platform lift at Witt Elementary School.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Hamblen County	To upgrade the preschool playground and install a ramp for special education preschool students	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Hamblen County	To fence in the special education preschool playground.	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,545.00
Hamblen County	Install base cabinetry to house IDEA Equipment and data.	\$ 986.00	\$ 986.00
Hawkins County	To install sensory panel centers for use by special education students.	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Hickman County	To install canopies at seven schools to allow special education buses to load and unload students daily in a manner somewhat protected from environmental elements a	\$ 149,000.00	\$ 149,000.00
Kingsport City	To resurface the playground at Palmer Center with "pour in place cover" so that it can be utilized by children in wheelchairs/walkers.	\$ 70,936.50	\$ 70,936.50
Lawrence County	To add an awning to an existing middle school to protect a physically disabled student from the elements	\$ 23,254.00	\$ 23,254.00
Lawrence County	To provide restroom adaptations for students, classroom improvements for handicapped students, and remodeling a classroom to contain an employment and life-skills training facility at Loretto High	\$ 92,565.00	\$ 92,565.00
	Revision and extension of the current sidewalk and weather coverings to the proposed classroom space as well as lockable doors for each room to provide security for special education records		\$ 0
Lenoir City		\$ 90,000.00	Decided to use State/Local funds
Macon County	To provide for air conditioning to two special education rooms at Lafayette Middle School	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
McMinn County	To modify two portable buildings to establish additional placement for eligible special education preschool students.	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
McMinn County	To provide an access ramp to the playground at Englewood Elementary School	\$ 40,000.00 - 60,000.00	\$ 40,000.00 - 60,000.00

McMinn County	To provide modifications to the playground at Riceville Elementary for use by special education preschool students	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Sullivan County	To fence in a playground to be used for special education preschool students	\$ 7,538.69	\$ 7,538.69
Tipton County	Request to use Federal IDEA funds to add an attached awning to Austin Peay Elementary School to use for special education students.	\$ 8,910.00	\$ 8,910.00
Rutherford County	To provide a greenhouse for use by the Oakland High School Special Education Students	\$ 20,170.00	\$ 20,170.00
Rutherford Co.	To renovate playgrounds at 21 elementary schools within the district by resurfacing (cost of \$2,638,282.80) and adapting the playgrounds to be wheelchair accessible. This would include the purchase and installation (cost of \$502,621.60) of adaptive equipment for students with disabilities.	\$3,140,904.40	\$3,140,904.40
Shelby County	To renovate four (4) high schools special education classrooms to be used as Family Living Centers	\$ 286,032.99	\$ 286,032.99